

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC

FY2010 Low-head dam public hazard cost-share program

From the General Assembly's water trails/low-head dams implementation appropriation, the Department has prioritized \$225,000 in external projects for the Low-Head Dam Public Hazard program that will further agency goals of safety, stream habitat connectivity, and recreation on Iowa's navigable streams.

This cost-sharing will support \$882,614 in project development. Chapter 30 of the administrative code implements the low-head dam safety cost-share program to support signage, dam removal, and dam modification for the benefits of navigational and recreational safety and aquatic species, including game fish. Three projects submitted Jan. 15, 2010 have been ranked in order of priority, and screened by our scoring committee for viability, proper expenditure of public funds, and likelihood of success. Scorers for this round of applications include John Pearson (DNR), Robin Fortney (citizen), Mark Wise (citizen), and Nate Hoogeveen (DNR). The recommended state fiscal year 2010 awards:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>AWARD RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>Score</u>
Boone Water Works Low-Head Dam Modification	City of Boone	\$184,000	\$184,000	98
Cedar River Water Trail Portages-Downtown Waterloo	City of Waterloo	\$50,000	\$41,000	83
Maquoketa River Dam Portage	City of Manchester	\$4,358	0	81.5

The Department recommends entering into cost-share agreements with the above-mentioned parties to accomplish the projects identified in their respective applications. If any applicants decline funds or are unable to meet their obligations under an agreement developed, the applicant that was not fully funded may be funded, or the unfunded grant may be funded, in order of rank.

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